

CONGRESS TO CALL TITANIC SURVIVORS FOR INFORMATION

Committee Wants First
Hand Stories of Steam-
ship Disaster.

Several survivors of the Titanic will be called before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, which has determined upon an investigation of the sea tragedy. The committee desires first hand stories of the catastrophe before it frames drastic legislation for the better protection of those who travel by sea.

Chairman Alexander said today that he would call some of the Titanic survivors and would immediately draft a bill compelling steamship companies entering American ports to carry life boats and other life-saving devices sufficient for both passengers and crew. Mr. Alexander believes this Government has power to make such regulations, notwithstanding treaties with foreign powers entailing reciprocal relations in the matter of steamship inspection.

It is generally admitted that under the tonnage system the big liners do not carry sufficient life boats to handle those aboard her, the number of life boats being graded by the tonnage of the ship rather than by number of passengers carried. Congressman Alexander believes this system to be wrong and his bill, which probably will follow the lines of the Harwood bill, introduced yesterday, will shut United States ports to all ships without a full complement of life boats.

Congressman Mott has introduced a resolution demanding a sweeping inquiry into the Titanic disaster. Members of the Rules Committee, however, believe that the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee already is clothed with ample authority to conduct the probe.

A "safe and sane" investigation was urged by Chairman Henry, of the Rules Committee, when referring to the Titanic disaster.

"I hope there will be no hysteria on the subject, but that every line of inquiry will be followed with sane judgment," said Mr. Henry. "We must remember the newspapers will investigate this matter quicker and perhaps better than the beginning than any Congressional committee, and the public's insistence to know why more lives were not saved on the Titanic will act as a worldwide investigation."

**Senate Committee
Talks Legislation
Regulating Lifeboats**

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations today, at its regular meeting, talked over in an informal way the Titanic horror, and the question of legislation to prevent such catastrophes.

The legislation which is likely to arise from this disaster is not under the jurisdiction of foreign relations, and will go to the Commerce Committee. But the feeling among the conservative members of foreign relations is that it is imperative something should be done.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, one of the foremost members of the Senate, thoroughly conversant with navigation matters, said:

"There is no doubt that legislation ought to be enacted to prevent the occurrence of such a thing as has occurred in this case. In the first place, there should be a law that will prevent any passenger vessel from clearing from an American port unless it has enough lifeboats and rafts to provide for the passengers and crew. In the second place, no such vessel should be allowed to clear unless it proposes to keep in the 'lanes' of the ocean; that is, in the east and west routes. Moreover, there should be legislation to prevent vessels from using the northern route in the season that is most dangerous because of icebergs."

"But can the question of use of routes be met by legislation?"

"It can be met just as we meet the question of air space on vessels carrying immigrants. We have no jurisdiction over foreign vessels but we can refuse clearance unless they comply with certain conditions we lay down."

Senator Lodge was emphatic in the question of equipment of vessels with life boats.

"We must compel these vessels to carry enough lifeboats," he said decisively.

**Britains Would Have
All Vessels Travel
Across in Pairs**

Co-operation of the United States Government for the enactment of an international law requiring all trans-ocean liners to travel in pairs, thus minimizing the danger from such

travel, and making almost an impossibility a repetition of the disaster which sent the Titanic to the bottom of the sea, is to be asked by the British parliament.

This fact became known today. Private dispatches were received in Washington from London, in which it was stated that for several months leaders in parliament have considered such a proposition. When the Titanic, a British vessel with a British crew, and with many English passengers on board, was lost, the urgent need for increased protection of sea travelers, was more strongly brought home to the British governing body.

What steps the members of parliament will take toward this end can only be surmised. At the British embassy no one would discuss the probable course to be pursued by the two houses. It was admitted, however, that such a proposition had been considered in London on previous occasions.

England suffered as severe a blow when the Titanic went down as did any other country, with the possible exception of this. British capital built the Titanic, and British financiers insured her. On board the ship were scores of the country's best-known personages. Every man connected with the Titanic's operation was an Englishman. The British parliament realizes that a repetition of the Titanic disaster will do much toward crippling Britain's shipbuilding industry.

Advices received here state that parliament soon will ask the American Government to assist in having enacted an international law which will require the big liners to sail in pairs only, either at the same time, or within two hours of each other. This will secure prompt assistance on all occasions; it is said, and had such a law been in existence, the Titanic disaster could not have resulted.

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No human being could live in water of this temperature for more than an hour or two. Every person who was not on a sustaining object that would keep the body out of the water perished as a result of the cold.

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MIRTH IN COURT AS MRS. GAGE TELLS OF HER VARIOUS WOES

She Repeats Belief She Was
Mistaken About
Banker.

Reiterating her belief that she was mistaken when she thought a prominent Washington banker was responsible for various troubles she experienced, and disclaiming any idea of killing or horse-whipping him, Mrs. Mary E. Gage underwent a severe cross-examination today in the lunacy proceedings in Criminal Court No. 2.

Despite the pathetic phases of the proceedings, much amusement for the spectators, largely made up of fashionably gowned women, developed. Frequent clashes of opposing counsel, Mrs. Selva A. Lockwood and Attorney A. S. Worthington indulging in repartee a number of times, furnished fun.

Mrs. Gage was on the witness stand for more than an hour. She was cross-examined by A. S. Worthington, who was named as a "friend of the court" to assist Assistant Corporation Counsel Schult. She was cool and collected, and gave prompt responses to the queries of the cross-examiner. She was a trifle agitated when the attorney intimated in one instance that the patriotic society she founded was a "fake."

"I can account for every dollar, every penny, every cent to the society," she declared. "I have placed every cent to the credit of the society."

The witness explained that she had taken out of the proceeds \$500 a year for rent and that her daughter had been compensated. Efforts to introduce letters to prove that medals had been distributed in schools by the society were blocked by Justice Barnard, who refused to admit the letters as evidence.

In the course of her examination Mrs. Gage narrated instances of being annoyed. Once she appealed to the District Attorney, she claimed, against what she considered an unfair rating by a mercantile agency. One complaint she made, she testified, to the police and Detective Cox called at her home.

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10c Handkerchiefs—Sale of Handkerchiefs, including fancy colored silk, large sizes for fancy work, also men's soft finish white handkerchiefs, with hemmed borders, values worth 5c each, Thursday at 10c.

50c Silk—20-in. extra heavy Wash Silk, white grounds, with colored half-line stripes. Guaranteed fast colors. Sale price, 29c.

\$1 Messaline—36-in. Black Messaline, extra heavy quality; rich satin finish; guaranteed to wear. Thursday Bargain 75c.

18c Satines—Mercerized Satines, one yard wide, rich and highly mercerized finish. Black only. Sold regularly at 12 1/2c. 18c yard. Sale price, 12 1/2c.

59c Sheets—81x90 Bleached Sheets, double bed size; with folded seam; hand torn and ironed; heavy grade sheeting. Sold regularly 59c each. Thursday Bargain 45c.

79c Sheets—88x90 Seamed Bleached Sheets, extra large size; fine quality sheeting. Sold regularly 79c each. Thursday Bargain 59c.

\$1.50 Spreads—11-quarter Crochet Bed Spreads, double bed size; handsome raised Marseilles patterns. Worth \$1.50. Sold regularly at \$1.19.

10c Cotton—Yard wide Bleached Cotton, extra heavy grade, free from starch; sold regularly at 10c yard. Thursday Bargain Sale price 6 1/2c.

8c Ginghams—Standard Apron Ginghams, in blue, brown, and green checks; warranted fast colors; worth 8c yard. Thursday at 5 1/2c.

12 1/2c Percales—50 pieces Percales, in a large assortment of styles and coloring, such as checks, stripes, dots, figures and broken plaids. Sold regularly at 12 1/2c yard. Offered for Thursday 9 1/2c.

12 1/2c Ginghams—Mill Ends of 27 inch Plain color Dress Ginghams, lengths from 10 to 25 yards. In light blue, Alice, cadet, navy, tan, brown, green, oxblood, pink, gray, lavender, etc. Worth 12 1/2c. Thursday Bargain Sale price 9 1/2c.

Long Kimonos—Of good quality lawn, in pretty floral effects, in pink, blue and lavender and white; empire and plaited styles, trimmed with broad or to match. Special for Thursday 98c.

39c Aprons—Of white lawn, princess shape; finished with deep hem and strings. Sold regularly at 39c each. Sale price 25c.

Boys' Suits—Of fancy cassimeres, double breasted and Norfolk styles; spring weight and patterns; light, medium and dark effects; all sizes in the lot, but not of each color. Value worth \$4.00 and \$4.50. \$2.98. Sale price 2 1/2c.

25c Shades—50 dozen Opaque Cloth Window Shades, 36 ft., mounted on good strong spring rollers; several shades of green and ecru. Some are slightly imperfect, but the injuries are very small, such as a tiny green oil spot, and will not affect the appearance nor the wear. Sold regularly at 25c each. Thursday Bargain Sale price 12 1/2c.

75c Linoleum—25 rolls of Cook's Heavy-weight Cork-filled Linoleum, burlap back; all 2-4 width; light and dark colorings, in tile, mosaic and inlaid designs; lengths from 2 to 20 square yards. Sold regularly at 75c square yard. Thursday Bargain Sale price 29c.

\$12 and \$14 Mattings—200 rolls of finest quality 180 warp Japanese and 90 to 95 pound extra heavy weight China Mattings, close woven, smooth palm leaf finish, straw, with double wire edge; strictly reversible; in handsome carpet designs, checks, stripes and plaids; colorings of green, red, blue, tan and brown. Thursday Bargain Sale price, \$6.98.

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